IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. CTC-0001-4 (500402.00361))

In re U.S. Patent Application of Crater et al.	)	
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Application No. 10/677,990	)	Group Art Unit: 2154
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For: Distributed Interface Architecture For Programmable Industrial Control Systems	)	Confirmation No. 9072
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 3, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response. This response is being filed with a request for a two-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733 the extension fee and any additional fees needed, as well as to credit overpayment of fees.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.